

**Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team
Conference call 07-25-07, 3:00pm CDT**

Participants:

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1) Follow-up from July Alliance “All Hands” meeting

KB: Working up notes from those provided by KG and my own. Glad to have a plan laid out for moving forward beyond the round-robins. Any news from Resilience team’s final meeting after our joint session?

JB: Resilience team will meet the 2nd or 3rd week in Sept. in Biloxi. A survey has been sent to that team’s members to determine their course forward. The team gelled well at the all-hands meeting and determined leadership. They didn’t discuss integration with other teams extensively.

CD: Rod Emmer of LSU Sea Grant and Tina Shumate of MDMR were named as that team’s leaders. Also, I’m going back to school for a PhD and will cut back to part-time support for NOAA-NOS & GOMA.

2) Logistics for next RRCT round-robin workshop week of Aug. 20 in St. Petersburg, FL

BR: Agenda is still being fleshed out.

RR: Getting confirmations from speakers.

BR: Need detail on implementation session for morning of 23rd.

LP: Only need 30 min to 1 hour for update on GRSMMP.

RR: Will have 15 passenger vans available and can coordinate ground transportation so not everyone needs to rent a car.

CB: I won’t be at the meeting, but want to address a concern about a decline in applications from Gulf states over time to the FWS Coastal Wetlands Conservation grants. Awards are typically ~\$1M per applicant; applicants must be states. The solicitation closed in June, and we’re looking for projects to be funded in FY ’08. A 75%-25% match is required. FWS guidance considers GMF & EPA priorities.

RR: Want to keep concept at forefront that restoration is one component of a more holistic ecosystem approach to resource management, which includes water quality, etc. Meeting will include a presentation to this effect.

LP: Reminder of GRSMMP call tomorrow, Thursday 07-26-07.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm CDT.